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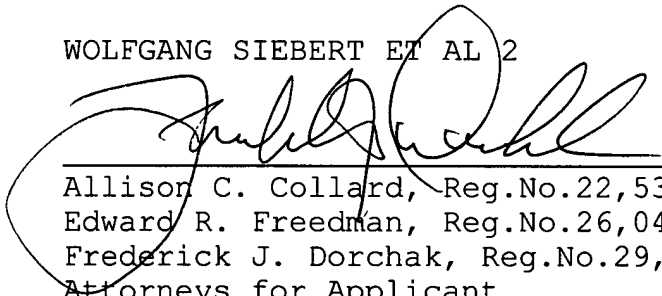
By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the adhesive layer comprises a mixture of a styrene block copolymer and polyolefins, and claim 6 has been canceled. Support for the claims may be found, *inter alia*, in the disclosure at page 4, lines 2-9. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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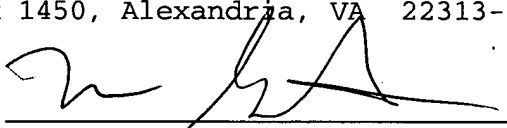
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